

FUN ABOARD SHIP.

Some Novel Ways of Amusing Ocean Voyagers—Bicycle Races, Kite Flying, Bowling, Emergency Drills, and Prize Conundrums Succeeded in Keeping a Ship Load of People Thoroughly Entertained—An Explained X Ray Game Invented by a Sea Going Philanthropist.

A transatlantic greyhound that swung away from her pier last Saturday carried, among other passengers, a party of five young women who, by special arrangement, had their bicycles stored in their state rooms. They managed this by firmly tethering the bicycles to a number of hooks in the walls of their tiny sleeping apartments.

DECK RACES.

"Now in reality," said a good natured stewardess, who had been assisting in this operation, "these machines ought to have been crated and stowed below, but the young ladies not only wish to have them handy to strike out on their wheeling tour directly the vessel reaches her dock, but they intend to have a race on the ship's deck."

"It will be allowed," the promiscuous deck is wide, some afternoon steamer chair loungers will clear a way and the bicycle race will be welcomed as a delightful contrast to the hackneyed conceits of the last trip over, in which nearly a dozen young men and women took part. Everybody bought the right to make guesses as to the prospective winning among the various participants, and the payoff was 25 cents and the proceeds were turned into the steamer's fund. There was a huge ribbon badge given the young man and the young woman, selected by the voters to defend the choice of the passengers and then he and she retained their badges or handed them over to whoever proved, against wind and wave, to be the speediest cyclist in the racing contest.

"As far as I know bicycle racing is about the newest diversion offered yet for amusing our ship's passengers," continued the friendly stewardess, "for no matter how quick the voyage there is always a great majority, most especially the young people, who, directly they struggle up from their sea sickness, demand recreation in some form or other. They are not content to roll away in rugs in a sheltered corner and read novels as the ideal traveler does, but American wise demand diversion and exert their wits to find amusement pretty much after the fashion of all land lubbers."

PROVIDED BY THE SHIP.

Of course it didn't take long for the steamship companies to recognize their duty in this direction, and now all the popular and properly equipped vessels own a wonderful amount of paraphernalia for amusement of their passengers. So imperative has the demand for amusements become that many of the ships carry become the great libraries and bands of music lockers full of good deck games, cards and games for the ladies' saloon and I hear on one line where some new vessels are planned an important feature will be a bit of a dainty concert hall where chapel service and amateur theatricals can be held.

DEFENCES AGAINST BOREDOM.

The average experienced traveler, however, who is going to Europe in a snug little private party, usually brings their own collection of play things along and an air gun is sure to be one of the weapons of defense against boredom. They have the right to store it in safety and use it when they please, while the ship supplies all the requisites for shuffle board and one on our line has an excellent arrangement for bowling. A good bag bit of deck is staked off with a movable wood mounting, that forms the boundaries of the alley; the pins are lightly pegged in place and on a calm day, when the ship is running on an even keel, an excellent game of ten pins can be played.

But bowls on that boat during the last trip fell into absolute scorn and neglect before the amazing interest of kite flying. There was a party who brought on board with them a wonderful set of folding French kites, and the third day out there was scarcely a man, woman or child who wasn't whistling, pasting and experimenting with more or less success, at both the manufacture and sailing of those trifling amusing bits of paper. Even the crack shots, who sat glued to the railing all day in hopes of sighting a school of fish or porpoise to blaze away at, deserted their posts to make carrier kites, cover them with muscages and cut them loose on a strong breeze. Now there is a theory that when properly made these airy things float in the air for weeks and are possibly overtaken by a ship, their messages read, appreciated and responded to.

A GENUINE PHILANTHROPIST.

"Occasionally on a voyage," said the stewardess, "we will happily carry a

in a lonely valley, watched over by shepherd friends, and here the hunted outlaw fled, and the mountaineers tended him as well as they were able. An old priest, also ministered to his comfort and while succoring the speedy body, tried as well to play the "soul friend" to the bandit. He influenced Cappa sufficiently to make him promise never again to use gun or knife in killing a fellow man.

Cappa was still ill when the annual festa of a distant village came around. The shepherds had no fear for their guest. They did not know that spies were set to watch him. The men of the valley were seen leaving the place and information was sent to the nearest gendarmes. The sick man had with him only a few children, some of whom kept a lookout.

The police, who were not in strong force, ventured with grave misgivings into the dangerous, scarcely known region. On perceiving them the youngsters gave the alarm and the weak and ailing bandit seized his gun, making down a narrow path for a wall, beyond which was "Magnis," the outlaw's asylum, "the best" of the Scottish royalists, otherwise, dear life, safety! When he had all but gained the wall he saw a single gendarme close to him. Cappa was a stout man. In an instant he had covered his enemy. But

TRAINING PETS.

A NOVEL PROFESSION FOR A CLEVER GIRL.

This Young Woman Earns Money and Finds Satisfaction in Training Cats and Dogs to Pretty Little Tricks and Nice Habits.

There is money in small dogs for any woman who will cultivate the fashionable and not too finely bred species according to the simplest rules of canine hygiene. This is the opinion of a girl who has a small dog farm in her father's back yard and is making it pay. She began three years ago by rescuing a batch of fat puppies from a watery grave simply through tenderness of heart, and when the orphans were thrown on her hands, volunteered to find them homes when they arrived at months of discretion.

It was a wise business move, for in their pedigrees that made them



TEACHING HIM TRICKS.

he remembered his solemn promise to the old priest. He dropped his weapon and let the gendarme go free. The gendarmes are under orders to shoot down bandits as a keeper shoots down vermin. The fellow, of course, fled. Cappa was hard hit, but he dragged himself across the fence and into the secret shelter he could see. On his knees, clasping his gun with one arm and with the other clasping a true love, his pursuers found him some time afterward, stark and cold, quite dead.—Westminster Gazette.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

To remove ink or fruit stains from the hands rub them well with a slice of raw apple.

To set delicate colors in ladies' shirts or handkerchiefs soak them ten minutes previous to washing in a pail of tepid water, in which two tablespoonfuls of turpentine have been stirred.

A broom when in use and laid away be placed in a holder to fit it. Those who wish to make one should place two large screws into the wall about two inches apart. Drop the broom down between these, handle downward.

Remove the oil stains from your carpet with a paste of fuller's earth and cold soft water. Lay this on the carpet, let it stand, let it dry thoroughly, then brush it off with a stiff brush and all the grease should have disappeared. If necessary, however, the application should be repeated, for the ingredients mentioned will not injure the most delicate fabric.

Measles is a complaint which usually falls to the lot of every child. The principal care is to keep the little patient warm, and to do this, nurses or mothers must be constantly upon her to see that she keeps in bed; otherwise, should she take cold, the complaint is apt to strike inwardly and at serious complications arise. Provide the child with flannel nightgowns.

To clean a child's white jacket place a pound or two of flour in the oven; stir it constantly till it is quite hot, but not brown. Place the jacket on a clear cloth on the table, make a roll of new flannel and with it rub the whole surface with hot flour. When the flannel is dirty shake it out and take more and continue the rubbing till the jacket is clean. Brush with a freshly washed clothes brush.

Every experienced cook who is uncertain as to how to bake the pastry cakes, etc., should write out these rules clearly and paste them on the wall near the kitchen range. Have a piece of white paper and place it in the oven. If too hot the paper will speedily blacken or burn up; if it is a delicate brown, the oven is right. The pastry should be baked in a dark yellow, cakes may be baked, and if only light yellow, sponge cakes and biscuits may be set in the oven at once.

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Marvelous Results.

From a letter written by Rev. J. G. Gundersen of Dimondale, Mich., we are permitted to make this extract: "I have been a member of the King's New Discovery, and the results were almost marvelous in the case of my wife. While I was pastor of the Baptist church at River Junction she was brought down with pneumonia, succeeding La Grippe. Terrible paroxysms of coughing would last hours with little interruption, and it seemed as if she could not survive. A friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery; it was quick in its work and highly satisfactory in its results. She was free at last. M. C. I. Drug dept. Regular size, 50¢ and \$1.00.

THE FIGHTING ZOULAVES.

Their Picturesque Attire Disappeared After the First Years of the War.

Perhaps the most famous body of soldiers of modern times has been the French corps called the zouaves. This body of daring and picturesque attired fighters reached the height of its reputation in the Crimean war in 1855, which was fought between the Russians on one side and the Turks, French, English and Italians on the other.

The zouave corps at that time was supposed to consist of Frenchmen, many of whom were really quite international. Many daring foreign adventurers had joined it, and it was known to include in its ranks graduates of Oxford, Paris, Göttingen and many other universities. It is probable that a majority of its members were in it more for love of fighting than for love of country.

Under such circumstances, it is not strange that its fame as a fighting body should have spread all over the world, says a writer in the "Youth's Companion." When the civil war broke out in the United States, several corps of zouaves, who wore the glittering oriental uniform of the French corps, or a modification of it, were formed on both sides of the conflict.

Generally this uniform consisted of baggy red trousers, short blue braided jacket, gaiters and close fitting cap, with a sort of a tail hanging down behind the head.

One of the most famous of these small corps of zouaves was that commanded by Elmer Ellsworth, a young New Yorker. He was the first officer killed in the Union side in the war, and for that reason his name has lived as a popular hero.

On the Confederate side the "Louisiana Tigers" were a famous corps of zouave fighters. At the battle of Gettysburg they were persistent endurance, bravery in merely standing up to be shot, and suppression of self became the cardinal virtues of a soldier, rather than the more "dash" or picturesque audacity, the zouave uniform disappeared, and the name, so far as America was concerned, became almost forgotten.

In France, however, the zouave name and uniform still survive. Only lately the French government has ordered home from Algeria a company from each of the several zouave battalions. The battalions in the detached parts of France and used as the nucleus of new zouave corps in case of war with any foreign country.

The way in which the French military men induce emulation among the zouave corps of their army is illustrated by a history of the Second zouaves, a corps serving in Africa, which was lately told in Paris.

During a long and terrible march in Algeria under a blistering sun, this corps had been following all day a battalion of famous marchers, the Eleventh Chasseurs a pied, or long-legged foot cavalry. The zouaves were tired, faint, and inclined to complain.

Toward evening the expedition arrived near a town. The commandant of the chasseurs halted them, and made a speech couched in slangy terms such as would please the men, asking them if they wished to make an entry into this town worthy of the best marchers in the army.

"Yes," the chasseurs answered. So he formed them in parade order, and with bugles blowing they marched into the town, though every man was half dead at a surprising quickness.

The zouaves, who were close behind, saw this with indignation. Their colonel halted them too, and made them a speech in French which would translate in English about as follows: "Look at that, you rascals! Are you going to take the bluff of a set of gawky like these?"

"No!" the zouaves screamed. So their colonel had the roll sounded. These zouaves, like all others, have a sort of "gymnastic" drill in which they do a great deal of running and some very active manipulation of their muskets. The order for this drill was given.

So the zouaves, who but a moment before had been ready to sink, entered the town at a prancing gait, swinging their muskets about ostentatiously, and the chasseurs were duly humiliated.

Micketto—I don't see what fun there is in golf; all you do is to hit a ball and then walk about an eighth of a mile.

Fozzles—On the contrary, what I object to is that one generally has such a confounded short distance to walk after hitting it.—Brooklyn Life.

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